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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISIONMARTIN C. ASHMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

PHYLLIS MENDENHALL )

No. **08CR 404**  
Magistrate Judge Martin C. Ashman**EX PARTE MOTION TO SEAL CRIMINAL  
COMPLAINT, AFFIDAVIT AND ARREST WARRANT**

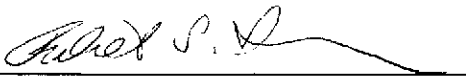
The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, moves to seal the contents of the above criminal complaint, affidavit in support of the criminal complaint and arrest warrant. In support of its Motion, the government states as follows:

1. The United States has presented the Court with a criminal complaint, an affidavit supporting the criminal complaint and arrest warrant for the defendant.
2. The complaint, affidavit and warrants contain information concerning a sensitive investigation and identify the targets of the investigation.
3. If the contents of the complaint, affidavit and warrant are made public prior to the arrest of the defendant, the defendant may take action to impede any further investigation and may also interfere with their arrests.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests this Court to enter an Order placing the complaint, affidavit, arrest warrant and this Motion under seal for until and including November 20, 2008 or until the time that the defendant is arrested, or until further order of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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